

**From:** [Peter Gray](#)  
**To:** [McGuigan, Patrick](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Comment on 4/15/20 Transportation Commission meeting agenda item #9 - University Avenue reconstruction  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:38:31 PM

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Hello,

I want to add to my earlier comment, or comment again, on 4/15/20 Transportation Commission meeting agenda item #9 - University Avenue reconstruction.

Repeating my earlier comment with an addition in ALL CAPS:

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Additional comment: ALSO, I UNDERSTAND THE EARLIER BIKE/PED BRIDGE DESIGN HAD A CLOVERLEAF-CURVE RAMP CONNECTING IT TO UDAY; AND THAT WAS REDESIGNED INTO MORE OF A HAIRPIN-TURN RAMP BECAUSE THE VA REFUSED TO ACCOMMODATE. IS THERE ANYTHING CITY OF MADISON AND VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS CAN DO, TO GET VA TO RECONSIDER? THE EARLIER DESIGN WAS CLEARLY BETTER.

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Appreciate your work and look forward to this worthwhile investment!

Thank you,  
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